



# FIRST CHURCH LIFE



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March 2009, Part Two

## First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Rock Hill, South Carolina

### Sunday Schedule

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - Worship  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

### Palm Sunday

What an exciting day Palm Sunday will be this year! The Erskine College Choraleers, a choral group of 58 singers, under the direction of Dr. Shannon Jeffreys and accompanied by Prof. Robert Glick, will be singing for the 11:00 worship service. The choir will provide a music enriched service to contain selections by Vaughan-Williams, Mendelssohn, Palestrina, and include spirituals like "Let Me Fly" and more contemporary pieces such as "It is Well With My Soul".

The Choraleers have won regional and national attention as an outstanding choral group under Dr. Jeffreys' leadership. Elise Harbin, one of our own, is a Choraleer, along with Rob and Mary Alex Senn, Bob and Mary Robinson's grandchildren. We hope that you will all be present on April 5 to worship and hear this outstanding choir!

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Inspired by the love of Christ, and enabled by the Holy Spirit, we serve God through worship, education and fellowship that we may proclaim His grace and share His love in the world.



## *A Note from a Church Member*

Once again this spring, we will have visitors among us from "across the pond!" The Rees family who visited last year will be returning with two of the other families that our Wales Mission Team has worked with for the past three summers. Our 12 visitors will be with us April 6-16 and are ready to be busy throughout their stay! There are many activities planned for their visit (check out the calendar in your Sunday School classroom, or in the front office).

Some of their highlighted activities include a trip to Brattonsville, a fun day at Carowinds, a visit to Erskine College, and plenty of time touring Rock Hill and getting to know members of our congregation. They will also be able to participate in our Easter service, followed by a covered dish luncheon. We hope that you and your family will plan to join us for any and all of the scheduled activities. For the activities that may require tickets, please inform Michele that you will attend.

Our guests will be staying in the church and we are looking for volunteers to provide some meals either at the church or in private homes. If you would be willing to help with this hospitality effort, please contact Michele Harbin or Ginger Smith.

If you are unable to attend the special activities, we hope that you will join us for the Missions Fundraising Dinner on Wednesday, April 15 in Robinson Hall. This will be a wonderful time to meet our visitors and enjoy great fellowship together.

See you soon!  
Michele Harbin



Congratulations to Matt Whisonant and Ashley MacDonald who were united in marriage on February 21, 2009 in Columbia, SC.

## **FARPY News**

### **Attention all Middle School Youth...**

If you are going on the Spring Retreat March 27-29, please make sure Amanda has your registration forms and payment ASAP. We plan to meet at the church at 5:15 p.m. on that Friday and leave by 5:30 p.m. You will need extra money for dinner on the way up, and lunch on the way home. Get ready for a fantastic weekend filled with worship, teaching, and fellowship!

**"Hold the Applause"** was the topic for the Senior High Super Retreat at Bonclarken and fourteen of our youth were there to be reminded of the importance of having a repentant heart when growing our relationship with Christ. Jake Vance, Director of Youth at First ARP Gastonia, was the speaker and he challenged us to be Rhinos for Christ...want to know more? Ask one of the following FARPYs who attended: Key Barkley, Mary Alexander Barron, George Barron, Julie Harbin, Hank Gettys, Caroline Logan, Josh Madsen, Taylor Madsen, Jon Meadows, Clay Simpson, Ryan Simpson, Ivey Smith, Will Smith, Jack Watkins, and chaperones David Barkley, Michele Harbin and Eric Madsen.

The **2009 Appalachia Mission Team** will have their first meeting on **Sunday, March 22 at 3 p.m.** at the church. It is very important that you attend all team meetings. Contact Michele Harbin if you have a conflict.

### **Did you know?**

*Even though we filled, collected, and sent over 200 shoeboxes to the Operation Christmas Child Distribution Center, there was a total of almost 5 million boxes processed in the US and over 7.5 million world wide? Thank you for playing a part in the Shoebox Ministry.*



### Special Offering Received on February 22, 2009

Many thanks to everyone who gave to the special Seminary Fund on Sunday, February 22. So far, a total of about \$7500.00 was received to support the Seminary education of Jamey Dagenhart and Andrew Shoger. Thank you for your donation and investing in these individuals and their ministry.

### Congregational Workday

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 4 - there will be a Congregational Workday from 9-noon. This day will be used for working in the gardens and on the grounds to clear out and replace the dead shrubs and plants. There are also a few other tasks at hand for the day. We hope everyone will come out and lend a hand to help make the grounds beautiful for our visitors and special activities in the following weeks. Make sure to bring all of your tools with you! See you then!

### HARPS

The HARPS will meet for their monthly covered-dish luncheon on Tuesday, March 24 at noon in Robinson Hall. A representative from HealthSouth will speak on the many services they offer to the community. Come and enjoy this opportunity for great fellowship and useful information.

### HARPS On The Go...

Downtown Greenville is waiting on us! We're heading there on Thursday, April 23 to visit the museums, Falls Park, and for the Main Street History Tour. We'll leave the church at 8:45 a.m. and return before 5 p.m. The cost is your lunch plus \$2 for the tour. Contact Bill Turner if you have any questions.

## April

### Birthdays

1	Buddy Brault	15	Chip Fischesser
	Johnny Brown		Caroline Logan
	Jordan Coleman		Nathan Robinson
	Mike Kent	16	Sam Allan
2	Max Smith		Emma Tuttle
3	Jack Gettys	17	Kristy Brault
	Hannah Whisonant		Earle Turner
4	Kathleen Barkley	18	Irene Kneece
	Morgan Payne	19	Carolyn Hallman
5	Shellie Harper	20	Zil Ledbetter
	Max Johnson		Kyle Smith
	Mary Landstreet		CeCe Sutton
	Lucy Taylor	21	Lauren Madsen
6	Eloise Cornwell		Ray Marston
	Kari Harper		Jack Roddey
	Brian Maxwell	22	Angela Leighton
	Cole McKinney	24	Bobbie Aycock
	Angela Payne		Ashlyn Hosea
7	Shannon Golightly		Anne Sanders Kiser
	Jane M. Wilson		Benjamin Wilkerson
8	Mary Robinson	25	Morgan Boone
	Judy Simpson		Patrick Williamson
9	Susan Heinsohn	26	Joseph Patrick
	Bill Revell		Caroline Williamson
10	Bob Faulkner	26	Walker Norman
12	Emily Blank	28	Vic Dillingham
13	Scott Allan	29	Courtney Bunce
	Cris Wilson		Miller Leach
14	Marcie Aycock	30	Cameron Bunce
	Tom Fleischer		Debra Ferguson
	Taylor Helms		Jane Revell

Thanks to everyone who donated food items for the HOPE Pantry last month. We collected 58 bags of groceries!